

SENATE BILL 2137

By Kyle

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37,  
relative to child abuse and neglect.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-406(h), is amended by deleting the following language:

The investigator shall interview the child outside the presence of the parent(s) or other persons allegedly responsible for the harm and, wherever possible, shall interview the child in a neutral setting other than the location where the alleged abuse occurred. and substituting instead the following:

The investigator shall interview the child outside the presence of the parent or parents or other person allegedly responsible for the harm and, wherever possible, shall interview the child in a neutral setting other than the location where the alleged abuse occurred. The investigator shall conduct the interview with the presumption that any information provided by the child is truthful, which may be rebutted only by a preponderance of the evidence to the contrary.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.